

In their filing of August 20, 2003, the Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative said "The potential for using BPL for core business support cannot be overlooked either. BPL will provide better reliability of the transmission grid and ultimately better electric service to our customers."

The Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative can also improve its infrastructure simply by being better managers and investing money in its core businesses where and when needed. Congress funds the FCC to regulate the communications industry in this country. One of the FCC's roles is to be a steward of the radio spectrum. The proposed technology would render the HF radio spectrum totally useless.

The FCC has no responsibility to encourage questionable investments in questionable technology by power companies who might be more profitable and more reliable if they simply had better management.

The comments by the Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative do not address the specific questions posed by the NOI.